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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA1 Signed and Filed: June 1, 2022
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65 DENNIS MONTALI
6 U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
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97 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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98 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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1010 In re:) Bankruptcy Case
11 PG&E CORPORATION,) No. 19-30088-DM
12 - and -)
13 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,)) Chapter 11
14 Reorganized Debtors.)) Jointly Administered
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16 Affects PG&E Corporation)
17 Affects Pacific Gas and)
18 Electric Company)
19 Affects both Debtors)
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** All papers shall be filed in
the Lead Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).*

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23 ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY DISPUTE BETWEEN
24 FIRE VICTIM TRUST AND PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

25 The court has reviewed the emails of May 24, 27 and 31,
26 2022, by and among counsel for the Fire Victim Trust ("FVT") and
27 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"). This dispute between the
FVT and PwC has thankfully been off the court's radar for over

1 nine months. Perhaps the court naively assumed the problems had
2 been solved. Now it appears that the parties are still at odds.

3 There is the usual back and forth about what has been or
4 has not been produced. What is surprising is the suggestion the
5 FVT was silent for nearly six months after a September 1, 2021,
6 production by PwC. If the reason was the pending appeal, then
7 this court's denial of a stay pending appeal was meaningless.

8 Now the FVP wants to depose Mr. Le in the next few days.
9 Over two weeks ago PwC declined to provide the FVT with
10 convenient dates and now it reports that Mr. Le is on a leave of
11 absence. If counsel for PwC withheld that fact from counsel for
12 the FVT, shame on him; if counsel for the FVT withheld that fact
13 from the court when the early June dates were requested, shame
14 on her.

15 The court hereby ORDERS Mr. Le to be available within two
16 weeks of the end of his June 27, 2022, leave of absence unless
17 counsel for the FVT agrees to a later date. Counsel are to
18 continue their meet and confer efforts to avoid duplication of
19 Mr. Le's deposition. If it later turns out that PwC was
20 dragging its feet, the court will order further deposition(s).
21 If it turns out the FVT could have agreed to reasonable
22 continuances but wouldn't, then there will not be any further
23 deposition of Mr. Le.

24 ****END OF ORDER****

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